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CASE NO. 56/351

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Robert Wastlhuber et al.

Serial No.: 09/884,858

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
SERIAL DATA TRANSMISSION
BETWEEN A POSITION
MEASURING SYSTEM AND
A PROCESSING UNIT

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) Group Art Unit: 2631

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
43 42 377	Germany	06/14/95
43 41 787	Germany	08/17/95
198 15 647	Germany	10/07/99
199 04 776	Germany	08/10/00

B. Literature

1. English language abstract of Japanese Published Application No. 11143502, Patent Abstracts of Japan, published by Japanese Patent Office, 1999, p. 1.

II. DISCUSSION

A. German Patent Reference No. 43 42 377

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '377 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a memory of a position measuring device that contains parameters that can be transferred to a processing unit via a data line.

The '377 patent reference was cited as an A-type reference in corresponding German patent application 100 30 357.9. An A-type reference provides technical background and is not pertinent to patentability.

B. German Patent Reference No. 43 41 787

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '787 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a transceiver and interface combination where

action instructions are sent at defined times.

The '787 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in corresponding German patent application 100 30 357.9. A Y-type reference is pertinent to patentability when combined with one or more Y-type references.

C. German Patent Reference No. 198 15 647

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '647 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a time base synchronization method that monitors the reception and duration of time messages.

The '647 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in corresponding German patent application 100 30 357.9.

D. German Patent Reference No. 199 04 776

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '776 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a working tool connected to a central unit via a flexible cable. The cable transfers coded data and power between the tool and central unit.

The '776 patent reference was cited as an E-type and X-type reference in corresponding German patent application 100 30 357.9. An X-type reference is pertinent to patentability when taken alone.

E. Patent Abstracts of Japan Reference

The Patent Abstracts of Japan reference was cited as a Y-type reference in corresponding German patent application 100 30 357.9.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449 with 5 cited references.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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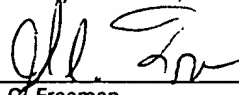
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